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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

W.P. (S) No. 3869 of 2005

Petitioner		Horilal Dhruv, aged abour 39 years, S/o Shri A. R. Dhruv, R/o Janpad Panchayat, Bodla, Distt – Kawardha.
	Versus	
Respondents	1.	State of Chhattisgarh, Through Secretary, Dept. of Panchayat & Rural Development. D.K.S. Bhawan, G.E. Road, Raipur C.G.
	2.	Superintending Engineer, Office of the Rural Engineering Services, Behind Commissioner's Office, Raipur C.G.

SB: Hon'ble Mr. Justice **Satish K. Agnihotri, J**

Shri S. K. Thomas, *Advocate for the petitioner.*
Miss Sunita Jain, Panel lawyer for the respondents/State.

ORDER

(Passed on this 13th day of March, 2007)

The following order of the Court is passed by **Satish K. Agnihotri, J.**

1. The petitioner while working as Sub Engineer in Rural Engineering Services at Bodla, District- Kawardha was transferred to Janpad Panchayat Koylibeda, Kanker, on the same terms and conditions, vide impugned order dated 18.7.2001 (Annexure A/1) and 3.8.2001 (Annexure A/2).

2. The Madhya Pradesh Administrative Tribunal at Raipur vide interim order dated 5.10.2001 directed to maintain status quo in regard to the position of the petitioner as was prevailing on 25.9.2001. By virtue of the interim order the petitioner is continuing at the original place of posting.

3. Be that as it may, with the passage of time this petition has become infructuous as period of transfer is not applicable forever. At this point of time there is no question to examine the validity of the transfer order. However, the respondents are at liberty to pass appropriate

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orders keeping in view the public interest and administrative exigency, without insisting on compliance of the impugned transfer order.

4. It is well settled principle of law that transfer is an incident of service and it is for the employer to decide as to where a particular officer/employee be posted, keeping in view public interest as well as administrative exigency. This Court has limited jurisdiction to interfere with the transfer matter and this Court can entertain judicial review only in the case of proved malafide, non-competence of authority passing the transfer order and transfer order not being in conformity with the rules and regulations.

5. In view of the above, this petition stands disposed of. No order as to costs.

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Sd/-
Satish K. Agnihotri
Judge